

I kanaka no 'oe ke mālama i ke kanaka.

You will be well served when you care for the person who serves you.

'Ōlelo No'eau #1185.

If the community is provided sustainable modeling rooted in indigenous knowledge, then we will see better-informed decisions throughout Maui that lead us towards a more balanced relationship with the 'āina.

What We Do

The Hulihia Center for Sustainable Systems utilizes state-of-the-art sustainability practices to develop a holistic understanding of the interconnectedness of issues. Through community insights & understandings, Hulihia integrates indigenous knowledge and academic research to find creative and robust ways of tackling and solving issues that affect our community to achieve a higher level of sustainability for Maui.

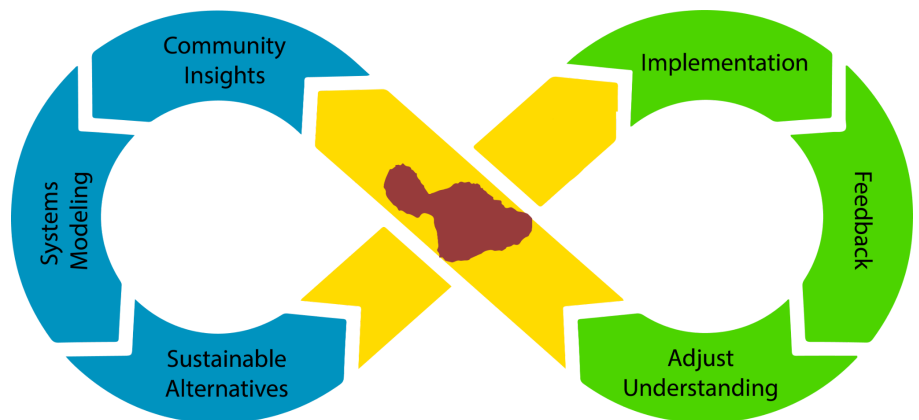
Why

Our current culture of consumption is negatively impacting the balance of our living systems. When individual and collective decisions are made without understanding the cause and effect of our actions, unintended consequences may result in further stress on these systems.

While there have been many initiatives on Maui in support of sustainability, progress across the landscape has been limited. Understanding and addressing the problem rather than treating the symptoms will require a complete change in contemporary methods of thinking - a hulihia.

How we do it:

- Collect community insights regarding relevant issues
- Apply sustainability expertise and indigenous knowledge to find sustainable solutions
- Deliver sustainable alternatives to the community decision makers and stakeholders
- Measure continuous impact and progress



Goals

- Collaborative learning and community decision making that is rooted in indigenous knowledge to achieve a perpetual equilibrium between natural resources use, human prosperity, and well-being.
- An established centralization of credible and valuable sustainability expertise and technology to engage with sustainable systems management .
- Connected in a global network as a model of a systems-driven center of collaborative learning and decision making for community sustainability.